



CHANGES BETWEEN THE DRAFT AND FINAL EIS/EIR

This section highlights the changes that have been made in the document between the draft and final. The primary changes between the Draft and Final EIS/EIR are as follows:

- Rather than separate volumes for the Draft HCP and SYP (i.e., PALCO, 1998) and for the EIS/EIR, this Final EIS/EIR contains the HCP and SYP. The HCP is presented in Appendix P and the SYP is presented in Appendix Q. The reader should note that the HCP in Appendix P includes modifications to PALCO's Draft HCP (PALCO, 1998) prepared by the wildlife agencies and subject to acceptance by PALCO. These modifications include additional mitigation measures developed by the wildlife agencies and deletions from the lists of proposed covered activities and covered species. These modifications are outlined in the bullets below.
- After reviewing and evaluating public comments on the Draft EIS/EIR in light of FESA and CESA permit issuance criteria, the wildlife agencies have determined that additional measures are appropriate to minimize and fully mitigate the impacts of take and to further reduce potential adverse effects. The complete package of minimization and mitigation measures is presented in the HCP's Operating Conservation Program in Appendix P. Summaries of these mitigation measures are presented in the appropriate places in the individual resource sections of Chapter 3. Often these are placed near the end of these individual sections. Note, however, that for the wildlife section (Section 3.10), these additional measures are placed throughout the effects portion of the section. These additional mitigation measures address a variety of issues such as roads, RMZs on Class III streams, marbled murrelet habitat, northern spotted owls, mass wasting, and watershed analysis among others.
- The following 19 species were dropped from the list of proposed covered species (List A):
 - double-crested cormorant
 - great blue heron
 - great egret
 - snowy egret
 - black-crowned night heron
 - osprey
 - golden eagle
 - sharp-shinned hawk
 - goshawk
 - burrowing owl
 - Humboldt marten
 - Pacific lamprey
 - yellow warbler
 - yellow-breasted chat
 - Cooper's hawk
 - ferruginous hawk
 - purple martin
 - Vaux's swift
 - pileated woodpecker
- The following 17 species remain proposed for coverage:
 - bald eagle
 - peregrine falcon
 - marbled murrelet
 - northern spotted owl
 - southern torrent salamander
 - tailed frog
 - northern red-legged frog
 - foothill yellow-legged frog

- northwestern pond turtle
- Pacific fisher
- California red tree vole
- western snowy plover
- bank swallow
- coho
- chinook
- steelhead
- cutthroat trout

The agencies have determined that several activities will not be covered by an ITP should it be issued. These activities are as follows:

- Use of forest chemicals
 - Gravel mining
 - Grazing
 - Recreation
 - In-stream structures
 - Fish hatchery
- AB 1986 has been more fully integrated into the project description and analysis, although there are no conclusions that differ from the Draft to the Final EIS/EIR.
 - Various minor editorial changes have been made based on public comments and review for the production of the Final EIS/EIR. Section 3.10, Wildlife, contains the most editorial changes because of the 19 species that were

removed from consideration for coverage under the ITP.

- The Final EIS/EIR contains responses to comments. These responses are contained in Appendix T. Appendix T contains an overview of the comments, responses to general comments, responses to substantive comments, and lists of those who submitted more general comment letters with the general comment codes assigned to those letters. A CD-ROM of the substantive comment letters is included as Appendix U. These comment letters are provided on CD-ROM because of their bulk (about 2,000 pages).

An additional change made between draft and final includes refinement of the Class I, Class II, and Class III watercourses which were originally defined under California Practice Rules (FPRs). They are no longer referred to as such, but rather as "waters." Definitions of Class I, II, and III waters are essentially the same as the FPRs, with the exception that streams, watercourses, seeps, springs, lakes, ponds, and wetlands are now all specified as waters.